are suspended in Rangiya-Murkongselek and in Fakiragram-Dhubri Sections due to inadequate security cover. Goods trains are being run under RPF escorts.

(c) Regular coordination meeting with the law-enforcing agencies of State Government are being held by the Railways and on their advice Railways run or cancel trains in the affected areas.

Precise quantification for loss is not possible. So far as loss due to passenger services is concerned, it is approximately Rs. 3 crores.

Setting up of a Central University in Assam

1889. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Assam has recently raised some important points in a letter written to the Prime Minister in connection with the setting up of a Central University in Assam ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reaction of the Central Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) and (b) The Chief Minister Assam has written to the Prime Minister recently regarding location of the Central University in Assam. After considering all aspects of the matter, the Government introduced a Bill in the Rajya Sabha on 5.5.89 for establishment of a Central University in the Cachar District of Assam with head quarters at Silchar.

Desilting of Chilka lake in Orissa by Dredging Corporation of India

1890. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dredging Corporation of India has been assigned the task for desilting Chilka Lake in Orissa, the Asia's largest brackish Water legoon;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) what are the details of the specific steps taken by the Dredging Corportion of India in desilting that lake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) A letter of intent was issued to Dredging Corporation of India on 13th September, 1988 for dredging the lake but was subsequently cancelled by the State Government on 11-4-1989.

Route under electrification

1891. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps to bring more and more routes under electrification;

(b) if so, what is the target set for the Seventh Plan in different zones year-wise ;

(c) what are the achievements made as on 31st March, 1989; and